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SUBJECT: ALLEGED EGYPTIAN-SUDANESE PLAN SEND TROOPS TO HORN  
OF AFRICA

REF: (A) MOGADISCO 1098, (B) CAIRO 10956, (C) KHARTOUM 1963

1. AS NOTED REF (A) PARA 6, UNLIKELY SUDAN PREPARED  
MAKE OPEN-ENDED COMMITMENT OF TROOPS AT TIME WHEN IT  
HAS ITS OWN MORE IMMEDIATE SECURITY CONCERNS. IN LAST  
FEW WEEKS, WE HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS REGIONAL  
DEVELOPMENTS WITH NIMEIRI AND OTHER TOP SUDANESE  
OFFICIALS INCLUDING THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR MILITARY  
POLICY. THEY HAVE CONSISTENTLY STATED THAT SUDAN  
HAS NO RPT NO INTENTION OF ATTACKING ITS NEIGHBORS,  
AND SUDANESE TROOPS ARE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS NOT RPT NOT TO  
CROSS BORDER INTO ETHIOPIA.

2. IT TRUE SUDAN AND SOMALIA ARE COOPERATING MORE  
CLOSELY IN MILITARY AREA. NIMEIRI WAS QUOTED IN  
LEBANESE NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW AS SAYING SUDAN WOULD  
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SUPPORT SOMALIA IN ANY WAR AGAINST ETHIOPIA. SENIOR  
MILITARY OFFICIALS ON BOTH SIDES HAVE EXCHANGED VISITS,  
AND WE BELIEVE IT IS LIKELY THAT EXCHANGE OF INTELLI-  
GENCE AND OTHER MODEST FORMS OF COOPERATION ARE  
TAKING PLACE. HOWEVER, CHIEF OF STAFF TOLD  
ME THAT NO FORMAL OR INFORMAL DEFENSE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES EXISTS (KHARTOUM 1963).

HE AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS HAVE STRESSED THAT  
SUDANESE FORCES ARE STRETCHED THIN ALREADY IN  
DEFENDING THREATS FROM ETHIOPIA AND LIBYA. IN  
ADDITION SUDANESE ARMY HAS IMPORTANT INTERNAL  
SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES, ALTHOUGH OFFICIALS  
HAVE NOT MENTIONED THIS FACTOR. IT POSSIBLE  
THAT SOMALIS HAVE DISCUSSED ASSISTANCE WITH SUDANESE  
AND THAT SOME COORDINATED PLANNING IS UNDERWAY. BUT,  
BASED ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US, WE THINK IT IS  
UNLIKELY THAT SUDAN WOULD BE WILLING, EVEN IF IT WERE  
ABLE, TO SEND 2,000 TROOPS TO SOMALIA AS SUGGESTED REF (A).  
THIS ESPECIALLY SO SINCE SUDANESE TROOPS IN SOMALIA  
COULD LEAD TO DIRECT ATTACK ON SUDAN FROM ETHIOPIA,  
WHICH WOULD MAKE SUCH A MOVE QUITE DIFFERENT IN ITS  
IMPLICATIONS COMPARED TO WHEN SUDAN SENT TROOPS TO SUEZ  
CANAL OR LEBANON.  
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